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LAFFEND ET AL.

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APPLICATION NO.: 08/849,404

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

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BUGIASKY, G.

FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON SOURCE TO

1, 3-PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time in the above-identified application for three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed 24 DECEMBER 1998.

Please charge the extension fee of \$870.00 to Deposit Account 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. If the fee is insufficient or incorrect, please charge or credit the balance to the above-identified account.

A response to the Office Action accompanies this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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